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MEASURES TO RESTRICT MARKET ACCESS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade experts have asked the Government to devise safeguards to resist pressure by developed countries under WTO;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government on such views of trade experts;

(c) whether the Government also propose to devise proper safeguard measures to restrict market access; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d): India has been actively participating in the ongoing negotiations under the Doha Work Programme. In the negotiations for Market Access for agricultural & non-agricultural products and services, India has been reiterating its position that the development focus of the mandate should be fully observed and the concerns/interests of developing countries should be fully factored into the modalities for negotiations. India would make all out efforts at bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral levels to ensure that the developing country concerns and interests are fully reflected in the final outcome of these negotiations.